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1. SUMMARY: GERMAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF NEW US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES ON THE GERMAN SALE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL. COMMENT RANGES FROM RE-EXAMINATION OF GERMAN MOTIVATIONS AND SELF-CRITICISM -- WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT FRG GOVT IS SEEKING A WAY TO SATISFY ANTICIPATED US DEMANDS -- TO A STRONG DEFENSE OF THE DEAL WITH A REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC PENALTY SHOULD BONN "BOW" TO WASHINGTON PRESSURE. END SUMMARY.

2. "DER SPIEGEL" (WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE, DEC. 6) FOLLOWS "DIE ZEIT" (REF B) IN ADOPTING A MODERATE TONE ON THIS ISSUE FOR THE FIRST TIME. "SPIEGEL" NOTES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SENSITIVE NUCLEAR FACILITIES-- ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING--HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPORTED FOR GOOD REASONS; THAT THE USG DOES NOT PERMIT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY TO EXPORT SUCH FACILITIES

AND THAT THE GOB IS A "MILITARY REGIME" WHICH HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE NPT. FRG AUTHORITIES "BLINDED" BY THE "BILLIONS", THE NUMBER OF JOBS AND "NEW PERSPECTIVES" FOR COOPERATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD "BLINDLY" ACCEPTED THE ARGUMENTS OF THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. "SPIEGEL" JOINS "DIE ZEIT" (REF A) IN ASSUMING THAT THE FRG HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO WITHDRAW FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FRGGOB AGREEMENT DUE TO GERMAN POLITICAL DEPENDENCE ON THE US. HOWEVER, BOTH STRESS THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION; SPIEGEL REFERRING TO THE LOSS OF GERMANY'S LEADING POSITION IN THE ATOMIC INDUSTRY.

3. "DIE WELT," DECEMBER 9 ISSUE FRONT PAGE, DEFENDS THE GERMAN - BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT, NOTING ITS SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS WHICH AT THE TIME HAD THE "BLESSING" OF THE USA. "WELT" CLAIMS THAT THE GERMAN FIRMS INVOLVED APPLIED MONTHS AGO FOR PERMISSION TO EXPORT THE BLUEPRINTS FOR A DEMONSTRATION ENRICHMENT PLANT AND A PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT. AUTHORITIES IN BONN HAVE ALLEGEDLY REFUSED THESE LICENSES WITHOUT ANY LEGAL BASIS ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR SUCH TRANSFERS.

4. "WELT" ARGUES THAT THE ENTIRE DEAL WILL COLLAPSE IF BONN REFUSES EXPORT PERMISSION FOR BOTH OF THESE --ADMITTEDLY "SENSITIVE"--FACILITIES; ONLY THE FIRST TWO OF EIGHT NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS ARE NOW COVERED BY FIRM CONTRACTS. "WELT" CONCLUDES THAT THIS WOULD HAVE UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR GERMANY'S POSITION AS A RELIABLE EXPORT PARTNER IN ALL INDUSTRIAL FIELDS AND THAT ITS NUCLEAR CUSTOMERS WOULD TURN TO THE US AND TO FRANCE, A NON-NPT PARTY. BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE THAT.

6. "SPIEGEL" REPORTS THAT THE IMPACT OF CARTER'S LATEST PRESS REMARKS (REF C) HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY AN ULTIMATUM FROM THE USG DURING THE LATEST MEETING OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' GROUP. ALLEGEDLY THE US THREATENED THAT ONLY CANCELLATION OF ANY PLANS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSTRUCT GERMAN NATIONALLY CONTROLLED ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING FACILITIES WOULD GUARANTEE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FROM THE US. "WELT" ALSO SPEAKS OF SIMILAR RUMORS WITH RESPECT TO THE BRAZILIAN DEAL. STOESEL

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